



Ei Gokoriyama!

News and Information about Koriyama City in English



Philharmonic Violins Berlin

Germany is known for its fabulous, world-class orchestras. On the 7th of October, the ensemble 'Philharmonic Violins Berlin' will visit 'Music City' Koriyama for a splendid concert at the Kenshin Koriyama City Cultural Center. The ensemble is made up of 10 violinists and an accompanying pianist, and their concert will feature pieces by Bach, Vivaldi, Puccini, Tchaikovsky and Brahms among others.

Date: October 7th, 15:00 – (doors open at 14:30)

Venue: Kenshin Koriyama City Cultural Center

(<https://goo.gl/maps/eo3AZL7QieK2>)

Admission: ¥4,000 (¥2,000 for students/wheelchair seating) (tickets available at Usui Dept. Store, TicketPia (114-512) and Lawson Tickets (22314))

UPCOMING EVENTS

Koriyama Expo 2018

As the economic center of the prefecture, Koriyama City hosts a great number of companies, research centers and various other organizations. The **Koriyama Expo** is the perfect event for them to showcase their activities. Held at the convention center **Big Palette Fukushima** under the theme of 'Create the Future', the event features various stands, activities and food stalls to show off what Koriyama has to offer. The event is held on the 5th, 6th and 7th of October and admission is totally **free**.

Date: Oct. 5/6/7 — 10:00 ~ 16:00; except 13:00~ on the 5th)

Venue: Big Palette Fukushima

(<http://goo.gl/maps/jDXe8HXhMpn>)

WEB: <https://www.ko-cci.or.jp/event/maturi/expo.html>



September

- 15-16 **Ebine Nagatsuki Yoiakari ~ Akibotaru**
(Around the Ebine Papermaking Workshop)
- 16-17 **18th Utsukushima Yosakoi Festival**
(Koriyama Station (16th) - Yurakkusu Atami (17th))
- 17 **Oranda Feest (Holland Festival) 2018**
(Chuo Community Center & Public Hall)
- 23 **Cuba Fiesta 2018**
(Young Workers Home - Multipurpose Hall)
- 23 **Koriyama Junior Philharmonic Orchestra
41st Annual Concert**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)

October

- 5/6/7 **Koriyama Expo 2018**
(Big Palette Fukushima)
- 7 **Philharmonic Violins Berlin**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 13-14 **Figure Skater Mao Asada – Thanks Tour**
(Bandai-Atami Ice Arena)
- 14 **Satomi Kawakami Duo – Jazz Live**
(Myuukaru Gakuto-Hall)
- 14 **Francis Lai Orchestra w/ Patrice Peyriéras**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 20 **HY STORY TOUR**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 21 **TOSHIKI KADOMATSU Special Live Tour**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 27 **Easy Curling Class**
(Bandai-Atami Ice Arena)
- 28 **NHK Symphony Orchestra Concert**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)

Event Calendar

Easy Cooking in Easy Japanese

Ever wanted to learn how to make typical Japanese home-made dishes, all the while practicing your Japanese language? Want to meet other foreign residents and make new friends? The Koriyama International Exchange Association (KIEA) is hosting the class 'Easy Cooking in Easy Japanese'! During this class, you will be taught in easy-to-understand Japanese how to make 'Niku-dofu' (Simmered Beef and Tofu) and enjoy your own cooking after with your classmates for only ¥500.

Date: November 5th, 18:30 – 20:00

Venue: Sogo Fukushi Center (goo.gl/maps/B9Sdzj5KcrD2)

Fee: ¥500 — **Max. participants:** 12 (foreign residents)

To apply, please contact KIEA at TEL 024-924-3711 (JP/EN) or by e-mail at kokusai-kouryuu@city.koriyama.fukushima.jp and pay the participation fee at the International Salon before Oct. the 30th.

Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents

The Koriyama International Exchange Association (KIEA) organizes a Japanese language course for foreign residents. Enjoy studying Japanese with residents from many different countries. Apply now for the next course-period:

September 20th ~ December 6th, every Thursday (12 classes)

Morning: 10:00~11:30 *or evening:* 19:00~20:30

Venue: Sogo Fukushi Center (goo.gl/maps/B9Sdzj5KcrD2)

Fee: ¥4,000 for 12 classes (pay during 1st class)

Please apply by e-mail or phone (EN/JP)

E-mail: intl-salon@city.koriyama.fukushima.jp

TEL: 024-924 2970 (International Exchange Salon)



Public Hall Reopened

The Koriyama City Public Hall (Kokaido) is the tower building located near the Chuo Community Center and Chuo Library. It was built in 1924, modeled after the Peace Palace in The Hague in the Netherlands.



This year the Public Hall was largely renovated. On the **17th of July** the hall was officially re-opened, with the biggest perk being the reopening of the second-floor corridor that surrounds the main hall. The hall can now hold 386 seats, and is fully equipped with LED-lighting. The hall can be reserved by organizations to use for events at a very reasonable price. For more information, visit: www.city.koriyama.fukushima.jp/541000/bunka/kokaido.html (JP).



Bandai-Atami Ice Arena Skating Rink Reopened

Koriyama is lucky to have not one, but TWO ice-skating rinks over at Bandai-Atami, the hot-spring district on the north-west part of the city. While the outdoor skating rink does not open until December, the indoor Ice Arena rink was already officially opened to the public from Saturday the **1st of September**. The skating rink can be used for free skating, ice hockey, figure skating and short-track. The facility offers rental skates and is accessible in a few minutes' walk from Bandai-Atami Station. A visit to the Yurakusu-Atami Hot Spring center next door makes for a great day trip! For more info about the Ice Arena, visit <http://icearena.jp>.



1-year Anniversary Kaiseizan Pool

The Koriyama Shinkin Kaiseizan Indoor Swimming Pool was officially opened in July 2017. On the **16th of July** this year, Koriyama organized a ceremony to celebrate the pool's first anniversary. The Kaiseizan Pool is the first pool in Fukushima Prefecture to feature both an official 50m- (10 tracks) and 25m pool (8 tracks). In the year since its opening, the facility had more than 82,000 visitors! The pool offers first-class facilities for both amateurs and professionals, conforming to the standards of International Sports Associations. For information about the facility, such as admission, opening hours etc., visit: www.kaiseizanpool.com.



Koriyama Education & Research Network Council

On the **19th of July**, representatives from 24 universities, high schools and research institutes in Koriyama got together and organized their first network council meeting. As part of the council's activities they visited the Fukushima Renewable Energy Institute, AIST (FREA) for an excursion of the campus, and discussed the results of their respective research work. This way, Koriyama City hopes to facilitate the further development of links between local organizations, new technologies and employment- and business opportunities. For more info on FREA visit: www.aist.go.jp/fukushima/en.



Do you know Koriyama?

The 'Ebine Nagatsuki Yoiakari – Akibotaru' (often abbreviated to simply 'Akibotaru') is an annual event held in mid-September on the east side of Koriyama, in the Ebine-district. It roughly translates to 'Ebine September Night Illumination, Autumn Fireflies'. Revolving around the old traditional papermaking craft *Ebine-washi* (Ebine), the event displays the craft by wrapping the paper around a several thousand lanterns (the 'Akibotaru') and lining them up to create a beautiful and eerie atmosphere. Although the craft of Ebine-washi dates back all the way to the early Edo-period (mid-17th century), the Akibotaru-event has only been held since 2003. It has since become a staple of Koriyama's autumn season and a beloved festival. It coincides with the Yanagihashi Kabuki-festival in the same district. This year, the Akibotaru can be admired on the **15th and 16th of September**, from 18:00 until 21:00.

WEB: www.kanko-koriyama.gr.jp/information/detail551.html

Location: [Vicinity of the Ebine Papermaking Workshops](#)



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